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Among the People

Among the people!

It tells greatness of President Kim Il Sung, the benevolent father of the people, who shared sweets and bitters with the people by always finding himself among them.

Since he embarked on the road of revolution at the early age of 15, President Kim Il Sung led to victory the underground revolutionary struggle and two times of revolutionary struggle, two stages of social revolution and two occasions of reconstruction, several stages of socialist construction, thus achieving great immortal exploits.

The secret that the President could achieve such exploits is that he regarded The People Are God as his motto and enlisted to the full the strength of the popular masses by going among them and sharing sweets and bitters with them.

For the President the people were God and mentor, the omniscient, omnipotent and powerful being in the world. Therefore, it was the creed and motto of the President that one can do everything when one loves, respects and relies on the people.

President Kim Il Sung wrote on the first page of his reminiscences recollecting his lifetime.

“Revolutionaries, believe in the people and rely on them at all times and you shall always emerge victorious; if you are forsaken by them, you will always fail. Let this be your maxim in your life and struggle.”

Whenever he had opportunities to meet officials, the President told them earnestly to go among the people.

Saying that going among the people is like taking a tonic and that failing to do so is like taking poison, the President continued field guidance to call on the people during his life.

That's why the President put forward ideas and lines consistent with the idea The People Are God and built the Party and the country into a motherly party and a people's country that serve the people.

Among the people! This tells greatness of the President who was humble and honest and showed comradely love and tender-heartedness to share sweets and bitters with the people.

When he visited workers, the President grasped their hands without reserve and took good care of their life. He also had a heart-to-heart talk with them to discuss the way to overcome difficulties.

When he visited rural villages, the President sat on a plain straw mat and inquired of the farmers' living conditions and farming work and aroused them to a drive for increased grain production.

Thanks to the President who went among the people, a socialist paradise where the people become masters was built and many monumental edifices for the people erected in the DPRK.

Indeed, the President always found himself among the people to make a harmonious whole with them, and this is the secret that the President achieved great exploits and enjoyed boundless reverence and admiration of the people.

Names Associated with Noble Idea The People Are God

Chairman Kim Jong Il's history is associated with the people whom he loved and for whom he devoted during his whole life.

From the first period of his revolutionary leadership, the Chairman who loved the people said that he was also a son of the working people and respected them.

The Chairman clarified in his immortal classic work **On the Juche Idea** that the masses of the people are the subject of social history, the masters of the revolution and construction, thus placing their position on the highest phase.

This reflects the Workers' Party of Korea's steadfast view and standpoint of giving importance to the people, loving them and devoting for them. The WPK regards the masses of the people as the most precious and powerful being and the most talented being in the world, defends dignity and interests of the people and serves them with devotion.

The Chairman said, in his historic work **Let Us All Live and Struggle Like Heroes** that the DPRK people were the heroic people who achieved glorious victory in every annal of the revolution under the leadership of the great Party.

Even when moves of the hostile forces to isolate and stifle the DPRK reached an extreme, the Chairman, cherishing the absolute confidence that the more trials and difficulties may be folded, the stronger the people become. believed in the people and trained them into the independent guardsmen

When he listened to their opinion, the Chairman said that they were humble and pure people. When he was on visits to foreign countries, the Chairman missed his people back in his country.

Thanks to the Chairman's noble intention that the masses of the people are the omniscient and omnipotent being in the world and the DPRK people are great, the WPK was developed into a motherly party and the DPRK into a householder of the people that serve them with devotion.

Music Philosophy of Respected Comrade Kim Jong Un

Politics of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un is based on the exceptional music philosophy that clarifies relations between music and the revolution, between music and the politics on a scientific basis.

Kim Jong Un's music philosophy is, in a word, the idea that music serves as a weapon of the revolution and the politics and that the revolution emerges victorious where a singing voice is loud.

Once commanding officers of the People's Army saw Kim Jong Un sing in deep thought while playing the piano skilfully.

Finishing his singing, Kim Jong Un said that the commanding officers could mix with the soldiers to dance and sing and conduct political work in keeping with their innermost thoughts only when they were rich in emotion. Kim Jong Un said that he frequently played musical instruments whenever he intended to map out new tactics.

It is the steadfast faith and stand of Kim Jong Un that a revolutionary poem or song is as powerful as millions of guns or swords.



Korea Today

Idea and Theory Advanced at Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea

Successes Registered During Period under Review and Their Basic Factor

The Workers' Party of Korea organized and waged indomitable offensive struggle for turning every obstacle into great victory during the period under review and, in this course, opened up an era of fresh development, a new era of self-respect and prosperity, that is, an era of our state-first principle.

In the course of embodying the politics based on the people-first principle, the WPK radically augmented the politico-ideological strength. The WPK, in the struggle for boosting the DPRK's own power, developed self-reliance into a national trait of Juche Korea and the one and only fighting spirit of the Korean revolution and provided a precious foundation for making sustained economic development by the DPRK's own efforts. The WPK renewed the appearance of the country by vigorously accelerating the construction work.

Through the dynamic struggle for consolidating the country's self-reliant defence capabilities, the WPK achieved the great cause of building the national nuclear forces and saw that new cutting-edge weapon systems were developed in succession, thus making the state's superiority in military technology an irreversible one and putting its war deterrent and capability of fighting a war on the highest level. A great advance was made in the work of developing the People's Army into elite forces.

Through the proactive external activities, the WPK opened a new chapter in the long-standing DPRK-China relations of friendship and laid a cornerstone for the expansion and development of traditional relations with Russia, radically strengthened its unity and solidarity with other socialist countries and brought

about a dramatic turn in the balance of power between the DPRK and the US, thereby demonstrating the dignity and prestige of the Republic.

The successes registered during the period under review are the precious fruition of the Juche-oriented revolutionary line and wise leadership of the WPK and the source of the successes is the great single-hearted unity in which all the people are rallied firmly around the Party.

Main Idea and Main Spirit of Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea

Achieving a great fresh victory on all fronts by remarkably increasing its own strength, the DPRK's internal force, in the socialist construction—this is the main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. In other words, it is to readjust and rearrange the internal force in a comprehensive way and, on this basis, to make a frontal attack against all hardships and open up a road of new advance.

The main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Party Congress indicates a shortcut that enables to shatter existing external challenges definitely and promptly.

In addition, the main idea and main spirit of the Eighth Party Congress reflects the basic requirement to successfully overcome deviations and mistakes latent in all sectors of social life and constantly open up a road of new advance.

At the Eighth Party Congress, the WPK analysed and reviewed its work from a critical point of view. It was not because the successes were less significant. It was the expression of the WPK's will to remarkably boost internal force of the country, the driving force of the country by aspiring after and encouraging fresh innovation, bold creation and steady advance, thus accelerating victorious advance of the socialist construction.

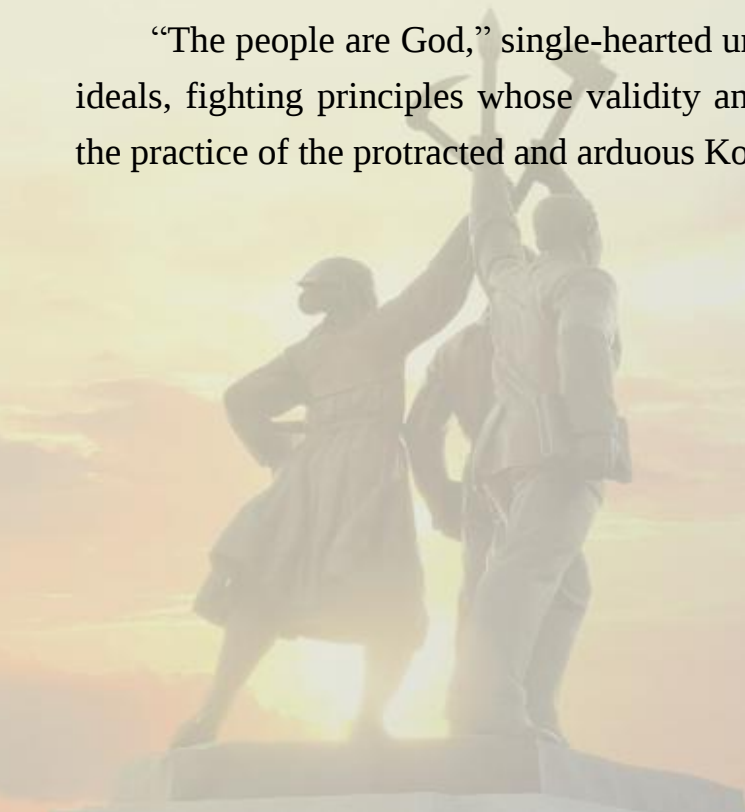
Workers' Party of Korea Adheres to Three Ideals More Strictly

At the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that the entire Party should cherish the ideals of "The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again and adhere more strictly to them.

"The people are God" is the consistent political philosophy of the WPK that regards the masses of the people as masters of the revolution and construction, relies on their strength to solve all problems and devotes everything for the good of them.

Single-hearted unity is the noble and solid unity of the masses that are firmly rallied around the Party in ideology, purpose and moral obligation by centring on the leader and on the basis of the leader's idea. Self-reliance is the revolutionary spirit and fighting trait of resolving all questions in the revolution and construction on one's own responsibility and initiative without relying on others.

"The people are God," single-hearted unity and self-reliance are the political ideals, fighting principles whose validity and vitality have been proved fully in the practice of the protracted and arduous Korean revolution.



Major Tasks of New Five-year Plan for National Economic Development

They are to consolidate organic relations among the key industrial sectors with the metal industry and chemical industry as key links so as to actively hasten the practical reenergizing of the economy.

They are also to consolidate material and technical foundations of the agricultural field and supply enough raw and other materials to light industry for increased production of consumer goods.

WPK's Principled Stand on North-South and External Relations

It is necessary to take stand and stance to resolve the basic problem first in the north-south relations, halt all acts hostile toward the other side and seriously approach and faithfully implement the north-south declarations.

In order to develop the external relations comprehensively, it is necessary to regard it as the first mission of the DPRK's diplomacy to defend the dignity of the WPK, enhance the prestige of the nation and champion the interest of the state. In order to develop the external relations comprehensively, it is also necessary to hold fast to the principle of independence in its foreign activities, to develop further the relations with the socialist countries, to consolidate unity and cooperation with the revolutionary and progressive parties aspiring after independence and to launch a dynamic joint struggle against imperialism on a worldwide scale.

In the report of the Eighth Party Congress, the WPK reaffirmed... The DPRK will approach the US on the principle of power for power and goodwill for goodwill in the future, too, and, as a responsible nuclear weapon state, will not misuse its nuclear weapons unless the aggressive hostile forces attempt to use their nuclear weapons against the DPRK. It is the WPK's steadfast will to ensure peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and the rest of the world.

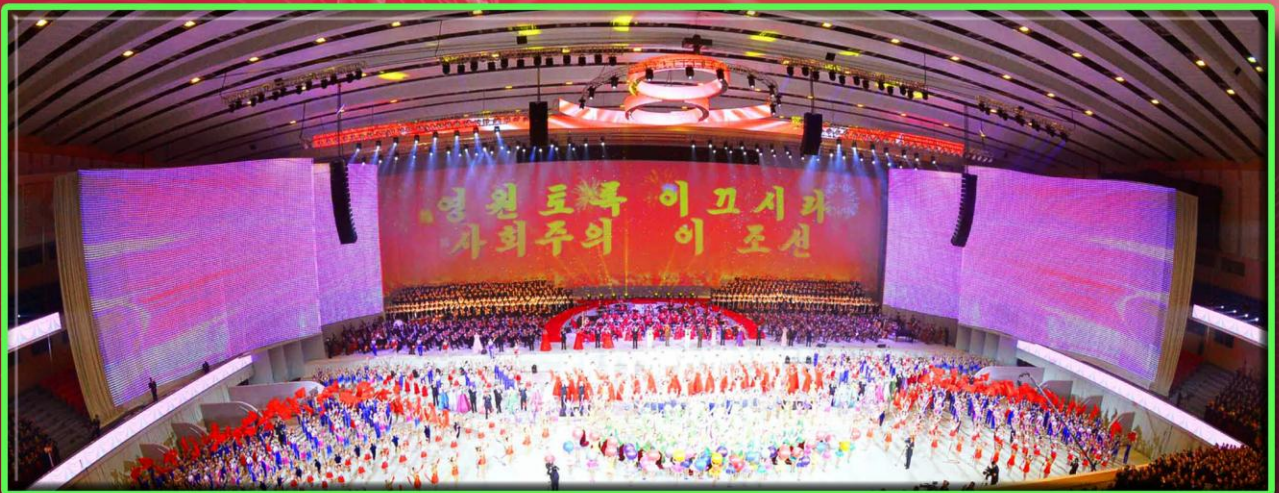




The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un was elected General
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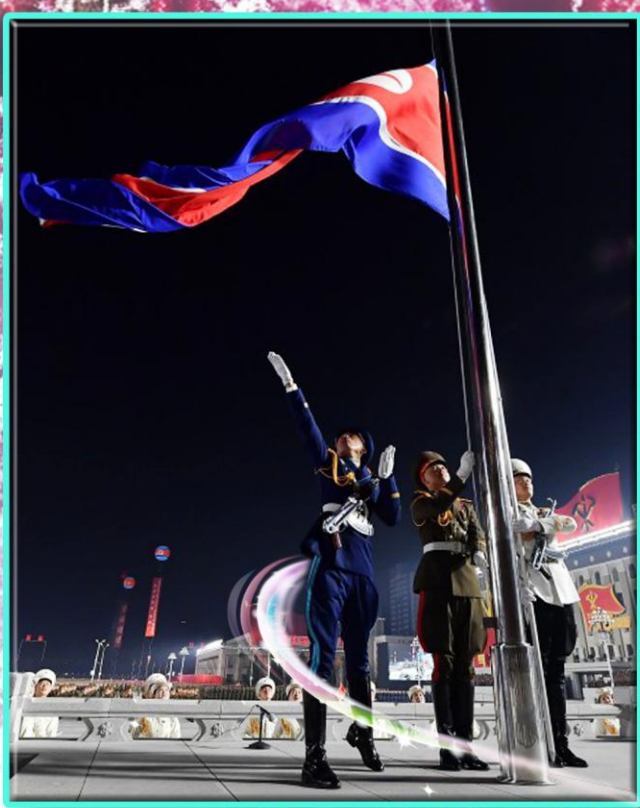


Grand Art Performance We Sing of the Party Took Place
with Splendor in Celebration of
Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea





Military Parade Held with Splendor in Celebration of Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea



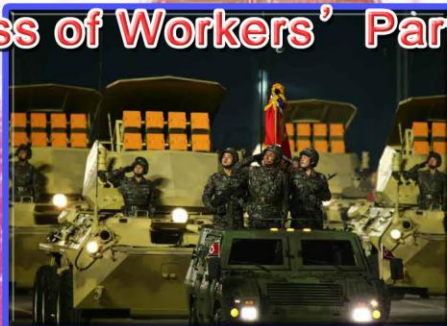


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Fireworks Display in Celebration of Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea





Photos, Books and Art Shows in Commemoration of Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea



DPRK People Turned out in Implementing Decisions Made at the Eighth Congress of Workers' Party of Korea

Artistes' Agitprop Activities for Increased Production Inject Vitality in March for Great Leap Forward

Artistes' agitprop activities are in brisk in different parts of the country to stimulate the masses to rise in the campaign for implementing the decisions of the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Artistes of National Folk Art Troupe, National Circus, Phibada Opera Troupe, National Theatrical Troupe conducted effective agitprop activities in Pyongyang Thermal Power Station, Kim Jong Thae Electric Locomotive Complex, Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complex, Pyongyang Kim Jong Suk Silk Mill and thus actively aroused the masses to fresh innovations.

The art troupes in North Phyongan Province, North and South Hamgyong Provinces and North and South Hwanghae Provinces made agitprop activities in different factories and co-op farms to make a hot wind of great innovations.



DPRK People Make Big Stride forward First March

The DPRK people, who turned out in the campaign for implementing the programmatic tasks advanced by the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, implemented the January national economic plan with success.

A dynamic drive for increased production was made in the sector of metal industry including Kim Chaek and Hwanghae Iron and Steel Complexes so as to successfully implement the production plan of all indices by January 30.

Sector of chemical industry including Hungnam Fertilizer Complex, Namhung Youth Chemical Complex and the sector of power industry including Pukchang Thermal Power Complex waged increased production campaign, thus implementing the January national economic plan with success.

Other sectors including coal industry, railway transport, machine industry, mining industry, timber industry, building materials industry and light industry implemented the plan through the detailed organization of their works to put production on a normal basis.





Reliable Young People Take the Lead in Putting Party's Plan into Reality

Young people in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have turned out in the first year march for implementing the new 5-year plan true to the plan of the Workers' Party of Korea.

In the flames of performing a great achievement in implementing the first year plan of the new 5-year plan, 20 youth shock brigades in a coalfield in the western area carried out the first quarter plan of 2021 ahead of schedule.

In hearty response to the Party's call to become the pioneers of exploits, the positive, high civilization and excellent virtues, over 140 young people in Nampho City volunteered to work in over 20 co-op farms of the city, thus fully demonstrated their will to implement the Party's plan of rural construction in the van.

Number of the young people volunteering to difficult and labour-consuming sectors is increased, which proves that patriotism of the DPRK young people who are to add lustre to their youth days in the battle fields of great leap forward for a fresh victory of the Korean-style socialism.



Model Units in Technical Innovation Grow in Numbers

In hearty response to the decisions made at the Eighth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, large numbers of units in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are making dynamic efforts to actively create and introduce valuable technical innovations through the movement to win the title of Model Unit in Technical Innovation. In this course the first model technical innovation units were produced in February 2021.

According to the data from a relevant department of the Central Committee of General Federation of Science and Technology of Korea, 91 units, including 9 thrice-winners and 34 twice-winners of the title, won the title of Model Unit in Technical Innovation.

Officials in the units including those of the thrice- and twice-winners of the title worked out bold and reasonable plans under the guidance of the Party organization and took the lead to hold fast to science and technology as lifeline for the strengthening of their own internal potentialities and the development of the units, thus turning the technical innovation movement into that of the masses.



Successes Achieved in Archaeology

Koguryo Mural Tombs Newly Unearthed in Wolji-ri, Annak County, DPRK

Recently, 2 Koguryo mural tombs have been newly unearthed in Wolji-ri, Annak County, South Hwanghae Province, the DPRK. Discovered in the tombs were 9 pieces of gold ornaments including a minutely processed gold earring and the petal-patterned decorations.

The first mural tomb is the traditional one belongs to the Koguryo period as the coffin chamber has the parallel triangular prop ceiling. Drawn on 4 walls and the ceiling of the tomb were the murals of four deities, lotus-flower, cloud, lotus leaf, pipal and tortoiseshell patterns and the chart of a constellation that was found for the first time.

The second mural tomb was a stone-chamber tomb of earth mound, and many pieces of murals including the picture of the sun were found in it.

Fantastic murals and such gold ornaments as a gold earring prove the then people's astronomical knowledge level, idea of religious belief and developed metal workmanship.

It was proved that the mural tombs were built in the first half of the 6th century. They serve as the valuable materials which enable to newly explain that Wolji-ri was an important administrative center of Koguryo, giving more correct understanding on the history and culture of powerful Koguryo that existed for 1 000 years and clearly proving once again the oneness and commonness of the Korean national culture.



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무덤들에서 발굴된 금장식품들



련꽃무늬 인물

Relics of Hunting Ground Belong to the Old Stone Age Newly Unearthed in Sinphung-ri, Sukchon County, South Phyongan Province, the DPRK

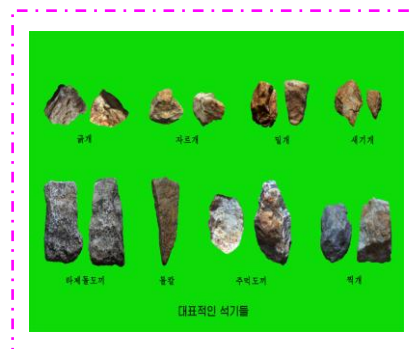
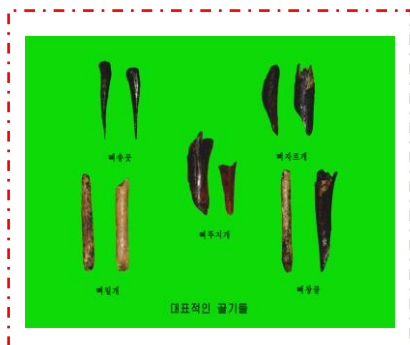
Recently an office of anthropology, the Archaeology Institute under the Academy of Social Sciences unearthed the relics of hunting ground belong to the Old Stone Age in Sinphung-ri, Sukchon County, South Phyongan Province, the DPRK.

The relics located in a paddy field enclosed with hilly districts are divided into the spot No.1, the hunting ground and the spot No. 2, the stone tool-manufacturing site, and the two spots are 80 meters away from each other.

Unearthed in the spot No. 1 were 3 pieces of stone tools including a rude stone axe, a stone scraper and a stone pusher, over 10 pieces of bone tools including a bone borer, and over 1 380 fossils including fossil animal bones with signs caused by artificial attack. Unearthed in the spot No. 2 were 20 stone tools and a thousand and hundreds of semi-finished stone tools and pieces of stone.

On the basis of appraisals and analyses of the remains and their dating by electron-spin resonance made several times, the research group proved that they are the relics of hunting ground belong to the latter period of the Old Stone Age, that is about 15 700 years ago, and they were found first in the low lands of Korea.

As a result of the unearthing of the relics in Sinphung-ri, rich materials, capable of explaining the production activities made in the Old Stone Age by the people who lived in the low lands, could be provided and it was possible to disclose injustice of the historical distortion that insists as if the Korean culture in the New Stone Age were originated from the one in other region of the northern region and to prove clearly that the Korean culture in the New Stone Age was developed independently on the basis of the culture which belongs to the latter period of the Old Stone Age.



Attracted by the Outstanding Idea and Extraordinary Wisdom

Precious Stones Carried to Pyongyang

“This stone must be carried to Pyongyang, Juche Korea where President Kim Il Sung is. If the stone is cracked, it is as same as my heart cracks.”

This was said by the chairman of the Peruvian Centre for the Study of Kim Il Sung’s Works, which proves how ardent and fervent the progressives’ sincerity is.

The Peruvian Juche idea followers heard that the Tower of the Juche Idea would be erected in Pyongyang. After repeated discussion they decided to find out a rare marble with a peculiar pattern, which can be found only in Peru and with which their natives had decorated buildings and souvenirs centuries ago, and donate it to the erection of the Tower.

Reading detailed data of history collected by research institutions to find out a place of the marble origin, they finally recognized that they could get the marble in the Andes.

However, a place in the Andes, far away from Lima, is 4 000-5 000m above the sea and the place has no grass and tree.

Nevertheless, they resolved to go there without hesitation. They went through hardships and at last they reached the place.

What was more difficult for them was to carry the stone of hundreds of kilograms to the motorway. A little mistake might drop the stone down into a deep valley or put the people’s life in danger.

However, any obstacle and difficulty could not disturb them. One of them even threw his body under the stone to lift it up without hesitation in defiance of danger of his life when the stone was out of balance in the course of transport.

Resolute faith and will, noble ideological sentiments of the Juche idea followers who were unafraid of even death in supporting and following the Juche idea made them display such self-sacrificing spirit. Resisting against the stone with his wounded arm and shoulder, he successfully passed through a dangerous area together with his colleagues.

The Juche idea followers' reverence for President Kim Il Sung who provided the mankind with the immortal Juche idea representative of the independent era and their resolution and will to follow the Juche idea to the end were ardent and sincere, indeed. The precious stone was carried to Pyongyang by their passionate devotion.



“The Sun Rises in the East!”

It was in the middle of the 1980s when a delegation of the DPRK visited Burkina Faso.

Meeting the people of the DPRK delegation, Tal Sekou, a famous writer and a social activist in Burkina Faso, said that he was enchanted by the founder of the Juche idea from when he studied the Juche idea and he came to respect the great person inheriting the cause of its founder. He said that “the sun rises in the east”—this was the conclusion he made through experiences of his life.

As he was enchanted by truthfulness and great vitality of the Juche idea, he wrote a book “The DPRK, the Leader and Inheritance of His Cause”. The book was the review of his life.

It took him over 10 years to publish the book.

There was a reason why Sekou wrote the book for a long time. In the year when he was 2 years old, his father died. His father left will, “one should do things valuable even if his life is to be short.” Sekou was told by his mother about his father’s will when he was 10. Sekou began to write books in the literary circle. But his mind was always filled with sense of emptiness. He doubted, as days went by, whether the thing he did could be valuable.

Sekou could make a new start in life when he studied the Juche idea.

He came to know the Juche idea first in Nigeria.

He prolonged his staying period to read many books on the Juche idea, sitting up all nights. He was much delighted to learn the man-centred idea that illuminates the road of the era.

Finally he was confident that the way to carry out his father’s will was to disseminate to the world the exploits, leadership and noble virtues of the peerlessly great persons who maintained independence. Thus, he devoted 10 years to the book “The DPRK, the Leader and Inheritance of His Cause.”

Spiritual Mainstay

Margaret, an ordinary woman who was neither a famous scholar nor a personage of the public circle, was one of the Juche idea followers in Tanzania.

Margaret regarded miserable life as her fate. It was her view of life that man should rely on the “God” to live.

But Margaret became an ardent Juche idea follower and disseminated the great man-centred theory. She had a story.

One day in summer of 1983, an unexpected misfortune fell on Margaret’s family. Her husband was taken ill so suddenly that he could not even move about. Margaret prayed to “God” every day to save her husband but he died. She was in mental agony.

Later Margaret came to get **On the Juche Idea**, the immortal classic work of Chairman Kim Jong Il. She read and read the work. She could not calm down herself. The work explained that one is master of his destiny and has the strength to shape it.

The work changed her view of life that she had regarded her misery as her fate.

Truth explained in the work gave the will to struggle and live to Margaret who had relied on fabulous spiritual mainstay for a long time.

“The Juche idea is, indeed, the spiritual mainstay that I can keep. I will make my life on my own as indicated by the Juche idea.”

Margaret found a true path of shaping her destiny in the Juche idea. Margaret made efforts to disseminate the truth of Juche among the people while studying the Juche idea profoundly.

Interview

From Misfortune to Happiness within Scores of Days

Tens of thousands of miserable people suffered disasters by typhoon and heavy rain became happy ones envied by many others within scores of days. It was in the DPRK in 2020. We had an interview with researchers of the Korean Association of the Social Scientists to retell the story that the people in the afflicted area became masters of all blessings within scores of days.

Emcee: As you know, the DPRK suffered unusually from three times of typhoon and flood in 2020. Thousands of dwelling houses were destroyed and many people suffered from disasters due to the typhoon and flood.



Kim Song Guk: The Party insisted that the people should neither feel discouraged nor inconvenient even for a moment and took measures and thus the people in the afflicted area could lead a stable life soon. The victims in Taechong-ri, Unpha County lived in the buildings of the Party and power organs, being provided with convenience.

Sin Hye Gyong: The people in the afflicted area were provided with food and daily necessities, the children and pupils with new school things and the aged ones with tonics. The People's Army doctors who participated in the rehabilitation gave medical treatment to the people in the afflicted area.

In Hun: The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un, the General Secretary of the



WPK, took successive benevolent measures for stabilizing the life of the people in the afflicted area. He saw that the departments of the Party Central Committee and families of its officials turned out to assist the people in the afflicted area with necessary household furnishings and the officials rendered labour

and material help to the farmers so that they could be encouraged.

Emcee: Precious wealth of the country was used to provide conveniences to the people in the afflicted area and make rehabilitation, I heard.

Ri Kum Hui: It is common that many countries in the world rehabilitate to eradicate aftereffects after they suffer from typhoon and heavy rain.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said that, though the Party felt anxious and distressed about the damage caused by the recent heavy rain and typhoon, it would readily face the anxiety and distress for the sake of the great people. Saying that the Party will take every possible measure for the people and repay their great trust with sure, he led the rehabilitation.



Hyon Un Ok: His love for the people, his ideal for the good of the people can be found in designing, building and completing dwelling houses in rural areas. Giving field-guidance to the site where the aftereffects of the disaster were not yet eradicated, Kim Jong Un saw that one-household dwelling houses were built as desired by the farmers without considering the amount of necessary building materials or the land-saving aspects. When he inspected another reconstruction site, Kim Jong Un felt regretful that the newly built dwelling houses were not various and saw that dwelling houses to be built in other areas were designed variously and conveniently. Saying that the houses should be evaluated by the people, he saw to it that the builders attached importance to the people's demand to build houses perfectly to their convenience.

Kim Song Guk: Upholding Kim Jong Un's intention and love for the people, the People's Army soldiers were sent to the afflicted areas to wage construction campaign day and night. The people in Kimhwa County said that houses were built faster than cooking meals.



Ri Chol Bong: The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un displayed the outstanding leadership capability to turn the rehabilitation campaign not into just an economic and business work of eradicating damage caused by natural disasters but into an important political work and an occasion of consolidating the single-hearted unity.

Emcee: You are right. Then, I would like you to tell about it in detail.

Kim Song Guk: In order to provide the people in afflicted areas with new dwelling houses at an early date, the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un sent the People's Army soldiers, the revolutionary army of the Party, to the reconstruction sites to lead them to create miracles as the main force. When they lived up to the Party's expectation and the people's trust, Kim Jong Un extended thanks to the People's Army soldiers who translated the WPK's wish into reality.

In Hun: Kim Jong Un regarded the People's Army as creator of the people's happiness. He also sent an open letter to all the Party members in Pyongyang to call for a campaign to recover from damage. In his letter written in an afflicted area, Kim Jong Un called on the Party members in the capital city, by demonstrating the warm care and solicitude of the Party and deep affection of Pyongyang, to offer heartfelt consolation to the people in the devastated areas, help them and work with devotion so that they could return to a normal life as soon as possible.

Keeping in mind Kim Jong Un's warm love for the people, two divisions of the Party members of the capital, composed of the core Party members of the capital, rushed to the damaged areas to introduce innovations in the reconstruction campaign every day.

Sin Hye Gyong: In those days, such national trait of socialism as the one of taking preferential care of those who lived a difficult life and the one of overcoming difficulties while sharing sweets and bitters with them all the time was fully displayed and the single-hearted unity was strengthened in the whole society.



Hyon Un Ok: The people in the afflicted areas were thankful to the motherly party for the boundless love and benevolence shown for their convenience and were so moved by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who made efforts for them that they shed tears. They were supported without performing a great work for the country and the people, but Kim Jong Un saw that they were provided free of charge with dwelling houses equipped with house furnishings, kitchen utensils and daily necessities within scores of days. They were so grateful for his benevolence that they shed tears.



Ri Chol Bong: Yes, they did. The entire people of the country were delighted and shed tears of gratitude together with them. Last year was the one full of hardships and trials but it was also the year that we fully realized how thankful the Party and the system were.

Ri Kum Hui: The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un inspected many damaged areas in the south eastern and northern parts of the country. He went there before others through slippery muds and dangerous temporary and narrow railroads. Thanks to his devoted service for the people, wonderful villages were built and the people's misfortune turned into blessings in a short span of time in numerous damaged areas.

Emcee: I felt more deeply through this interview with you the great personality of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un. The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un is, indeed, the saviour of the people's life and the sun of their destiny.





True Story

A Boy Looks about under Bridge

In Hun

The delegation of the Brazilian Centre for the Study of Songun Politics visited Pyongyang in order to participate in the celebrations to be held on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of the DPRK. Members of the delegation visited by car several places in Pyongyang according to their itinerary every day.

They should cross bridges by car whenever they go to all those places. There are many bridges in Pyongyang including big bridges across the Taedong River flowing leisurely through the centre of the capital and adding beauty to its view and small and big bridges across the Pothong River flowing round the city.

When the car run across a bridge and turned a corner, a young boy popped his head out of the window.

He looked under the bridge.

He thought that there might be people's shanty houses under the bridge. As he was told that there were in Pyongyang such houses as those he had seen in Brazil, he fixed his eyes on the bottom of the bridge.

The boy popped his head out of the window quickly to look under bridges whenever he passed them.

(He was so strange.)

His behavior attracted a girl who accompanied the delegation as an interpreter.

The boy, a member of the delegation, was Lucas Lubio Mezquita da Silva, a student of the department of philology and literature, the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It was the first time for him to visit the DPRK.

He said frankly in the evening before he left Pyongyang.

"I looked about under the bridges to see how beggars live when the car passed through them. I've heard that they live under bridges in Pyongyang. But I

could see neither beggars nor those living under the bridge.

In my country, Brazil, homeless people sometimes have quarrel to occupy good places under bridges to live. I thought it was the same in the DPRK but there were not any although I tried to find one of them.”

The girl remembered the boy who said with envy when he looked round the dwelling houses in Mirae Scientists Street.

“You do not know thankfulness of your system because you have not experienced how exhausting and stressful it is to live to pay the rent every month.

You do not know how many people there are in the world without their own houses even though they work hard in their whole life. To have one’s own house is a very happy thing. I witnessed that people, who were evicted as they could not pay the rent, lived in tents on the street even in the US who is proud of its people’s wealth.”



Admiration of A Tourist

Ryom Jong Sil

Zheng Fushang, a member of a visiting group from Hong Kong, was praising himself by chance in a bus running toward the May Day Stadium in order to appreciate *Arirang*, the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance.

“I saw the mass gymnastics when I attended the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games held in 1996 in Atlanta, US. It was wonderful.”

A girl, who was his guide said with smile.

“Many people from several countries who saw *Arirang*, our grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance, told me that it was great. They thanked me several times.

I think you will probably say thanks to me, too.”

“Do you think you will receive my sincere thanks?”

“Yes. I think I will receive your thanks with sure.”

“Ha ha ha...”

Listening to the guide and Zheng, all of those in the bus laughed with expectations.

They say it is well-known to the world. Is the performance really wonderful?

When they arrived at the May Day Stadium, there were so many people coming to see the performance that the car park of the stadium and its surroundings were crowded with them.

Not only Korean people but foreign tourists took off their buses here and there.

Picturing the performances they had appreciated so far, members of the visiting group entered the entrance to take seats.

“Wow!”

Cheers were made suddenly.

Arirang, the grand mass gymnastics and artistic performance, began at last. Oh, no. Zheng Fushang fixed his eyes upon the background stand. The performance had not begun yet. It was the background stand. Those on the background stand doing warming-up exercise while spectators were taking seats.

Their exercise was so fascinating that he thought the performance began.

“Wow!”

Those sitting beside him made cheers. They were making cheers before the performance. What’s the reason?

It was because those on the background stand moved delicately as if they were controlled by a computer.

Zheng held his tongue during the performance. All spectators made cheers to the echo, but he did not say a word.

He looked sometimes at the well-arranged moves of the dancers with a telescope whenever each scene changed, and he sometimes gazed persistently at the background stand to see whether or not they were done by computers.

He was unaware when the performance ended. He kept silence. He did not say whether it was good or not.

The tourists were chattering.

“Great. It is worth for us to come here by air.”

Night sky of Pyongyang was very beautiful with firework display.

Many people were coming out of the stadium to take buses.

Some of them were taking pictures with the beautiful night view as a background at the car park which was as bright as day. It was quite spectacular.

Zheng did not take the bus.

Everyone looked at him. What, on earth, would he say?

They wanted to listen to his opinion as he had boasted of visiting many countries of the world.

“It is beyond my imagination, indeed. It is a world-class masterpiece. In comparison with the mass gymnastics I enjoyed at the opening ceremony of the

Olympic Games held in 1996 in Atlanta, US, *Arirang* is the great masterpiece in the world that is far superior to the former. It is said that *Arirang* was prepared by one hundred thousand people for months. Such a great performance can be prepared only by socialist Korea.

If there is an international mass gymnastics championships, ‘*Arirang*’ will take the first place winning a hundred thousand gold medals.

In a word, it is the best.”

He said to the guide, “Thank you very much for making me enjoy the perfect performance tonight.”

All members of the visiting group who were going to take the bus clapped their hands. Was the clapping for Zheng who changed his opinion or for *Arirang*...



